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Annual Report
of the town of
ROXBURY
New Hampshire

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2013**



Roxbury Granite Quarry c.1913

Cover Photo

This view, taken by Keene photographer E.M. White in about 1913, shows the remains of one of the Roxbury quarries. This is probably the Bodwell Quarry which was developed by Gardner Nye beginning in the mid-1850s. This quarry shipped a large amount of granite, including that used to construct the New York State House in Albany. A spur track was built to the quarry from the Manchester & Keene Railroad to transport the granite. This image shows the quarry after it was abandoned in the early 1900s and the land sold to the city of Keene. The derrick to the right, used to move the multi-ton slabs of granite, had collapsed onto the remains of one of the quarry buildings.

Photo courtesy of the **Historical Society of Cheshire County, Keene**

Town of Roxbury

2013 Annual Report

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Town of Roxbury

2013-2014 Officials and Boards

Board of Selectmen

Louis (Chip) Droque '14
Karen Cota '16
Gerry Davis '15

Town Clerk

Robin Buffum '14

Tax Collector

Robin Buffum '14

Town Treasurer

David Jewett '14

Town Auditor

Alice Funk '14

Trustee of Trust Funds

Virginia Shepardson '15
Lynn Bueckner '14
Joy Richards '16

Town Moderator

Mark Funk '14

Sexton

Ken Buffum '14

Supervisors of the Checklist

Alice Funk '18
Lisa Ellis '16
Virginia Shepardson '14

Police Department

Rob O'Conner, Chief
Peter Thomas, Sargent
John Mousseau, Corporal
Adrian Rouleau, Officer

School Board Representative

Vacant

Fire Department

Allen LaPlante, Chief '14

Town Forest Fire Warden

Allen LaPlante
Gary LaFreniere, Deputy
Tim Mason, Deputy
Alex Matson, Deputy

Health Officer

Don Caruso

Road Agent

Ken Buffum

Planning Board

Amy Bodwell, Chair '14
Josh Hicks '15
Peter Stuhlatz '16
Glenn Mallet '16
Don Tardiff (alternate)
Dave Shepardson (alternate)
Louis Droque, Selectman Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Jessica Payton, Chair '15
Mark Funk '14
Thomas Antrim '15
Nancy Johnson '16
Robert Delldonna '16

Building Inspector

Don Castagna

Welfare Officer

Josh Hicks

Emergency Management

Fred White

School Budget Committee

Vacant

The State of New Hampshire

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of **Roxbury, N. H.** in the County of **Cheshire** in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at **The Roxbury Meeting House** in said **Town** on **Tuesday, the eleventh (11th) day of March, 2014** at **7:00 PM**, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year	
Selectman (3 years)	Moderator (2 years)
Treasurer (1 year)	Fire Chief (1 year)
Tax Collector (1 year)	Planning Board (3 years)
Town Clerk (1 year)	Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)
Auditor (1 year)	Supervisors of the Checklist (6 years)
Sexton (1 year)	Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)

Article 2:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$61,700** for **General Government**.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,563** for salaries and expenses of the **Police Department**.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,519** for the purpose of compensating the Roxbury **Police Department** for summer patrols at Otter Brook Park. These funds for expenditure are designated to the town through the US Army Corps of Engineers. The appropriation does not affect the Town's tax rate, but to be properly expended, a vote is required.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for the salaries and expenses of the **Fire Department**.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,253** for our shared cost of the **Fire Mutual Aid System**. This cost in previous years was included in the County budget.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,159** as its fair share of stand-by costs for the use of the **City of Keene's ambulance service**.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** for **Emergence Management**.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$64,024** for **Summer and Winter road maintenance**.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,976** for **highway construction and reconstruction**. Selectmen's comment: Some of these funds for expenditure may be designated to the Town through the Highway Block Grant Fund.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,500** to be paid for **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Center privileges** in the Town of Marlborough.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200** for reimbursing residents who participate in the City of Keene's **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program**.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200** for the purpose of **Pest Control**.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for **Town Welfare and emergency assistance to the Town Poor**.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,750** to support **Southwestern Community Services, Home Health Care and Community Services, The Community Kitchen INC., Meals on Wheels, Monadnock Family Mental Health Services, Red Cross and Samaritans**.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **borrow money** in anticipation of taxes and will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for **interest expense**.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** for reimbursing residents who participate to access the **City of Keene's Public Library**.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** for general maintenance at the **Roxbury Four Corners Park**.

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be added to the **Capital Reserve Fund for Legal Expenses for Education**.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** to be added to the **Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for the **Town Police Vehicles**.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be added to the **Road Capital Reserve Fund** previously established.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** to be added to the **Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for **Re Valuation**.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 23:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be added to the **Town Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund**.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 24:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** to be added to the **Capital Reserve Fund** for replacement of the **Fire Dept. Rescue Vehicle**

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 25:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for upgrades to our Emergency Vehicles Garage. This will include insulation, sheetrock and a propane heating unit.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 26:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,200** to be added to **Town Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund**. This will fund a project to restore Roxbury's original Church Steeple and install it on our existing Town Hall. It will require a six foot addition on the front wall of the Town Hall to support the **original Roxbury church steeple**. This will also include a handicap bathroom and storage room for the tables/chairs. Note: (We are looking at a few grant options for this project.)
Recommended by Selectmen

Article 27:

To transact any other business which may come before the said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this **24th day of February**, in the year of our Lord, **two thousand and fourteen**.

*Louis Drogue
Karen Cota
Gerry Davis*

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

*Louis Drogue
Karen Cota
Gerry Davis*

Town of Roxbury Official Ballot 2014

PLACE AN X IN THE SQUARE AFTER EACH NAME YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR

SELECTMAN

(Three year term)

LOUIS (CHIP) DROGUE

☐

write in

☐

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

(Three year term)

☐

write in

☐

TREASURER

(One year term)

DAVID JEWETT

☐

write in

☐

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(Three year term)

MARK FUNK

☐

write in

☐

TAX COLLECTOR

(One year term)

ROBIN BUFFUM

☐

write in

☐

PLANNING BOARD

(Three year term)

AMY BODWELL

☐

write in

☐

TOWN CLERK

(One year term)

ROBIN BUFFUM

☐

write in

☐

AUDITOR

(One year term)

ALICE FUNK

☐

write in

☐

FIRE CHIEF

(One year term)

ALLEN La PLANTE

☐

write in

☐

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

(Six year term)

VIRGINIA SHEPARDSON

☐

write in

☐

SEXTON

(One year term)

KENNETH BUFFUM

☐

write in

☐

MODERATOR

(Two year term)

MARK FUNK

☐

write in

☐

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: _____ ROXBURY, NH _____

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): _____

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuig FY (Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130-4139	Executive	2	13,200.00	9,349.00	12,500.00
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	2	3,600.00	3,573.00	3,600.00
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	9,000.00	6,074.00	8,500.00
4152	Revaluation of Property	2			
4153	Legal Expense	2	10,000.00	7,272.00	10,000.00
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	2	3,000.00	3,345.00	3,500.00
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	2	1,000.00	251.00	500.00
4194	General Government Buildings	2	7,000.00	7,082.00	13,000.00
4195	Cemeteries	2	2,000.00	570.00	2,000.00
4196	Insurance	2	8,000.00	6,076.00	8,000.00
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2			
4199	Other General Government	2	100.00	0.00	100.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210-4214	Police	3, 4	22,082.00	18,925.00	22,082.00
4215-4219	Ambulance	7	4,839.00	4,839.00	5,159.00
4220-4229	Fire	5	2,000.00	1,893.00	2,000.00
4240-4249	Building Inspection				
4290-4298	Emergency Management	8	2,111.00	2,111.00	500.00
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	6	4,407.00	4,407.00	5,253.00
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER					
4301-4309	Airport Operations				
HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
4311	Administration				
4312	Highways & Streets	9,10	90,000.00	96,287.00	90,000.00
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting				
4319	Other				
SANITATION					
4321	Administration				
4323	Solid Waste Collection				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	11	14,200.00	13,486.00	13,500.00
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	12	200.00	0.00	200.00
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other				

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT						
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
ELECTRIC						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH						
4411	Administration					
4414	Pest Control	13	200.00	10.00	200.00	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other					
WELFARE						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	14	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	15	1,850.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	
CULTURE & RECREATION						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	18	500.00	530.00	500.00	
4550-4559	Library	17	500.00	200.00	500.00	
4583	Patriotic Purposes					
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing					
4651-4659	Economic Development					
DEBT SERVICE						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	16	1,700.00	1,856.00	2,000.00	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	- Sewer					
	- Water					
	- Electric					
	- Airport					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			202,489.00	189,886.00	207,344.00	0.00

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	CRF - Police Vehicles	20	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	
4915	CRF - Roads	21	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
4915	CRF - Re Valuations	22	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	
4915	CRF - Building Improvements	23	7,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00	
4915	CRF - Fire Dept Vehicles	24	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
4915	CRF - Tax Maps		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	CRF- Legal Expenses for Education	19	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	
	CRF - Building Improvements	26			13,200.00	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			40,000.00	40,000.00	60,200.00	

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
	Generator Grant		1,886.00	1,886.00	0	
	Emergency Garage Improvements	25			5,000.00	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED					5,000.00	

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		0.00	0.00	1,000.00
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		10,000.00	6,233.00	12,000.00
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		77,000.00	71,418.00	75,000.00
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		10,000.00	10,880.00	10,000.00
	Inventory Penalties		300.00	580.00	300.00
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		33,000.00	36,950.00	37,000.00
3230	Building Permits		200.00	135.00	200.00
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1,500.00	1,731.00	1,500.00
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		5,082.00	4,560.00	5,000.00
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		10,148.00	10,148.00	10,223.00
3353	Highway Block Grant		27,043.00	26,998.00	25,976.00
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		7,147.00	6,897.00	7,000.00
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		5,000.00	2,036.00	5,000.00
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		6,048.00	0.00	5,000.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		0.00	0.00	0.00
3409	Other Charges		1,825.00	1,825.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		500.00	114.00	500.00
3503-3509	Other		500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance		225	225	0
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			195,518.00	183,230.00	198,199.00

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	202,489.00	207,344.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	40,000.00	60,200.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	1,886.00	5,000.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	244,375.00	272,544.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	195,518.00	198,199.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	48,857.00	74,345.00

Town of Roxbury

Balance Sheet at December 31, 2013

	Acct #	12/31/12	12/31/13
Assets			
Cash	1010	\$167,018.61	\$132,086.50
Investments	1030	\$3,057.80	\$61.93
Taxes receivable	1080	\$83,810.11	\$79,879.33
Allowance for uncollectibles	1080	(\$7,500.00)	(\$7,510.00)
Tax liens receivable	1110	\$33,229.22	\$23,499.25
Due from capital reserve funds	1310	\$83,811.99	\$106,199.14
Accounts Receivable	1460	\$1,054.86	\$6,765.00
TOTAL ASSESTS		\$364,482.59	\$340,981.15
Liabilities/fund equity			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	2020	\$2,254.78	\$2,190.06
Due to school districts	2075	217,887.02	215,098.48
Due to capital reserve funds	2080	83,811.99	106,199.14
Due to Special Funds	2100	232.69	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		304,186.48	323,487.68
Fund Equity			
Unreserved fund balance	2530	60,296.11	17,493.47
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		60,296.11	17,493.47
TOTAL LIAB & FUND EQUITY		\$364,482.59	\$340,981.15

Respectfully submitted by the Selectmen

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

**Municipal Services Division
2013 Tax Rate Calculation**

Sgt. W. H. L.
11/22/13

TOWN/CITY: ROXBURY

Gross Appropriations	242,489
Less: Revenues	244,568
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	7,510
War Service Credits	1,400

Net Town Appropriation	6,831
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	6,831
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**TOWN RATE
0.27**

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget:			
Gross Approp. - Revenue	0	0	0
Regional School Apportionment			503,576
Less: Education Grant			(52,462)

Education Tax (from below)	(68,754)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	382,360

**LOCAL
SCHOOL RATE
14.93**

EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.435
28,235,618	68,754
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
25,054,877	

**STATE
SCHOOL RATE
2.74**

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	100,185
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	100,185
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**COUNTY RATE
3.91**

**TOTAL RATE
21.85**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	558,130
Less: War Service Credits	(1,400)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	556,730

PROOF OF RATE

Local Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax (no utilities)	25,054,877	2.74	68,754
All Other Taxes	25,613,777	19.11	489,376
			558,130

**TRC#
219**

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of ROXBURYYear Ending 12/31/2013**DEBITS**

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2013	2012	2011	2010+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 83,810.11	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Years' Credits Balance**		\$ 0.00			
This Year's New Credits		(\$ 0.23)			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR**FOR DRA USE ONLY**

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 557,098.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 6,232.95	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 13.36	\$ 2,912.98	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 563,344.08	\$ 86,723.09	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's taxes pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant and therefore in line #3110 as a positive amount for this year's levy.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of ROXBURY Year Ending 12/31/2013**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2013	2012	2011	2010+
Property Taxes	\$ 477,218.44	\$ 57,706.99	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 6,232.95	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 13.36	\$ 2,912.98	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 26,103.12	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	\$ 0.00			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 79,879.56	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance*	(\$ 0.23)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 563,344.08	\$ 86,723.09	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

(Be sure to indicate a positive amount in the Property Taxes actually remitted to the treasurer.)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of ROXBURY Year Ending 12/31/2013

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2013	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2012	2011	2010+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 20,782.69	\$ 12,446.53
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,874.52	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 646.23	\$ 2,971.23	\$ 4,915.72
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,520.75	\$ 23,753.92	\$ 17,362.25

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2013	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2012	2011	2010+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 12,566.66	\$ 12,591.30	\$ 12,446.53
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 646.23	\$ 2,971.23	\$ 4,915.72
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,307.86	\$ 8,191.39	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 0.00	\$ 28,520.75	\$ 23,753.92	\$ 17,362.25

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? NO

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE



Robin L. Buffum
DATE 1-9-14

Town of Roxbury 2013 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Cash Book Balance 1/1/2013			170,076.41
Less Investments:			
TD Bank	3,018.34		
NH PDIP	39.46		
Total Investments		<u>3,057.80</u>	
Opening Checkbook Balance 1/1/2013			167,018.61
Receipts			
Town Clerk	40,207.02		
Tax Collector	616,325.74		
Payments in Lieu of Tax	71,417.64		
Federal Government	9,723.38		
State of New Hampshire	46,963.76		
Selectmen - Other	6,227.19		
Tax Anticipation Loan	225,000.00		
Interest on Checking Account	109.92		
Total Cash Inflows		<u>1,015,974.65</u>	
Subtotal			1,182,993.26
Disbursements			
Per Selectmen	250,690.35		
Repayment of TAN	225,000.00		
Interest on TAN	1,856.25		
Net Increase in Capital Reserves	19,272.62		
County Taxes	100,185.00		
Payments to School District	453,902.54		
Total Cash Outflows		<u>1,050,906.76</u>	
Closing Checkbook Balance 12/31/2013			132,086.50
Plus Investments:			
TD Bank	22.47		
NH PDIP	39.46		
Total Investments		<u>61.93</u>	
Closing Cash Book Balance 12/31/2013			132,148.43

Respectfully submitted: David Jewett, Town Treasurer

Town of Roxbury

Town Clerk's Report

The following is the annual report of this office for the period
January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 36,832.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 561.50
Dog Penalties	\$ 54.00
Title Fees	\$ 118.00
Vitals Licenses	\$ 0
Vitals Certificates	\$ 65.00
Total	\$37,063.90

Just a reminder when coming into the Town Clerk's Office to renew registrations, you **MUST** bring your expiring registrations and a photo I.D. There is a \$2.50 charge for every registration if you opt to do both the town and the state portion. However, it is not mandatory to do both the town and state portion with the Town Clerk. You still have the option to do town only and then go to the DMV for the state portion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Buffum
Town Clerk

TOWN OF ROXBURY

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2013 – 12/31/2013

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
Mosher, Elizabeth Mae	05/17/2013	Keene, NH	Mosher, Nicholas	Mosher, Sarah
DeIDonna, Adelaide Rose	08/30/2013	Keene, NH	DeIDonna, Robert	DeIDonna, Emily
Total Number of records				2

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2013 – 12/31/2013

Person A's Name	Person A's Residence	Person B's Name	Person B's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage	Total Number of records
							0

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2013 – 12/31/2013

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union
Buffum, Carolyn	09/26/2013	Keene	Davis, George	Payne, Doris
Total Number of records				1

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Municipal Services
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REPORT OF LOCALLY ELECTED AUDITOR(S)

RSA 41:31-d

Municipality: Roxbury Audit Fiscal Year: 2013
Type of Municipality (Town, School or Village District): Town
Mailing Address: 3 Middletown Rd.
Roxbury, NH 03431
Phone #: 352-4903 Fax #: 352-4903 E-Mail: townofroxburynh@myfairpoint.net
Contact: Alice Funk Phone #: 357-4989 E-Mail: henderhont@gmail.com

Under RSA 41:31-c I, all municipalities shall annually, or more often as necessary, conduct an audit of the accounts of any officer or agent handling funds of the municipality. Elected auditors conducting such audits shall follow audit procedures outlined in NH Code of Administrative Rules, REV 1904 and REV 1907

This form shall be used by the locally elected auditor to conduct and report the audit required under RSA 41:31-c and 41:31-d.

In the boxes, indicate date the sections of the form were completed.

2/18/14	Part 1. Financial Records
2/19/14	Part 2. Treasurer
2/7/14	Part 3. Tax Collector
2/21/14	Part 4. Trustees
2/10/14	Part 5. Town Clerk
NA	Part 6. Library

Locally Elected Auditor or Board of Locally Elected Auditors - Please Sign in Ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have completed this form and to the best of my belief the information is true, correct and complete.

Date:

2/19/14

Alice J. H. Funk

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Roxbury 2013 Auditor's Report

This report is to certify that I have examined the books and records of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Selectmen, Treasurer and Trustee of Trust Funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. I find that these books and records reflect an accurate accounting of the Town's financial condition from the perspective of these offices.

I would like to thank the Town Officials who all work very hard to keep the Town's business functioning properly.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Funk
Town Auditor, Roxbury, NH

2013 Health Officer's Report

We have had a very fortunate and healthy year in Roxbury. The state full time health officers continue to be willing as a group to be a resource for those of us who volunteer for our communities. This year the list serve (an on line communication board) has included topics like mold exposure for which there is pending state legislation and well water contamination. We look forward to another good year with support from the towns around us.

Don Caruso

Roxbury Health Officer

Town of Roxbury Road Agent report

	2012	2013
Summer Maintenance	\$48,034.00	\$43,065.00
Winter Maintenance	\$31,534.00	\$53,222.00
Total Spent on Roads	\$79,568.00	\$96,267.00

Selectmen took an additional \$6,961.00 out of Capital Reserves for storm damage to Davis Road. FEMA paid \$5,163.00 for storm damage.

Things that were done to the Roads in Roxbury 2013

- 1) Cross pipes replaced on Dillingham, Hardy Hill, Davis and Middletown Roads.
- 2) Installed a catch basin on Davis Road.
- 3) Repaired major wash out on Davis Road.
- 4) Gravel and stone was put onto the dirt Roads.
- 5) General Maintenance as needed.

Things that need to be done to the Roads in Roxbury 2014

- 1) Brush needs to be cut along all the roads in Roxbury.
- 2) Cross pipes need to be replaced on Davis and Middletown Roads.
- 3) Pavement on Davis and Middletown Roads needs to be repaired.

Due to the logging on Davis Road we did not get to the pavement repair.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Buffum
Road Agent

Roxbury Scholarship Fund Report 2013

Carol A. White and Josh Hicks, Treasurers

The Monadnock Regional High School Class of 2013 Annual Awards Ceremony was held Wednesday, June 12th at 6:30 pm. The recipients of the "Citizens of Roxbury Annual Awards" for the class of 2013 are:

Kristyn E. Garrison*

Joshua Hicks

Holly Start

MRHS Senior Projects Required

Each year the students must present their completed senior project to their teachers, peers, family and others. The presentations are open to the residents of the school district as well as the families and friends of the students. This year I was a mentor to Kristyn for the yearlong project. The project requires the student to follow the project's prerequisites which includes meeting deadlines by providing supporting paper work to allow the teachers to follow the progress of the project. Project plans, outlines, research notes and essays were also required.

It was not an easy task for the students as they had to balance this project with all the usual demands high students have. The key to success was "time management." It was a great learning process for everyone involved. I am glad I had the opportunity to participate in the process. I recommend everyone to take the time to visit the school to listen to the oral presentations the students have worked so hard on. You will be impressed! The projects range as wide as the interests of the students. All presentations are quite impressive.

"Thank You!" --- to all our members in good standing to date: Amy Bodwell & Carol Saunders, Shane & Lisa Ellis, Kenneth & Robin Buffum, Meredith Stockwell, Chip Drogue & Family, David & Cynthia Jewett, Roland & Margaret Beauchemin, Tim Mason, Peter & Marika Stuchlsatz, Fred & Carol White.

*Kristyn Garrison sent her thank you to all the citizens of Roxbury for their participation in her recognition. A book with all the award's thank you notes kept over the years is available to anyone that wishes to see it.

Donations of \$10.00 a person or \$20.00 per family helps to keep this the awards going. Donations received after the Town Report is printed are logged into for the next year. Send your check to the Roxbury Scholarship Fund C/O Carol A. White, 8 Middletown Road, Roxbury NH 03431. This year we awarded a total of \$750.00.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Unfortunately Roxbury does not have a school board representative. The Board meets twice a month on Tuesday evenings. It would be very helpful to the town to be represented. It is an interesting and challenging job and the pay is \$1,000 a year. If anyone is interested in this position please let the Selectmen know.

The School Board has been dealing with numerous major issues in the last few years. The withdrawal of Surry and then Sullivan last year from the District has shifted costs and students. At this time there do not appear to be enough students to support the Gilsum school although the district is trying to find ways to justify the expense. Since the overall student population for the District has decreased, that increases the cost per member town to maintain the facilities. The cost issues and changes in student population have also jeopardized student programs and has resulted in a decrease in the teachers needed. However the District is trying hard to maintain quality and programs while cutting costs. A very difficult situation to say the least.

The town of Troy has brought a lawsuit against the School Board alleging improper procedure at the District wide vote that changed the apportionment expenses that each town pays to the District for schooling their children. This lawsuit was joined by Swanzey which is a mystery to me as their costs hardly shifted at all with the reapportionment. Our Selectmen felt it was important for the Town of Roxbury to weigh in on this matter and join with the School Board in defending the vote for reapportionment. If this vote was reversed it would have a severe impact on our taxes as we still pay far more than any other town per student. After state aid and the reapportionment calculations Roxbury pays over \$21,000 per student, Swanzey pays \$9,200 and Troy pays \$7,200. I agree with the selectmen that any expense incurred at this point is very worthwhile. If the vote holds up we can expect another battle in 4 years to try to change the apportionment unless the State works to fix our dysfunctional school funding method.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Funk

REPORT OF THE ROXBURY FIRE CHIEF

The year of 2013 was a year with an increase in calls which was mostly due to alarms and motor vehicle accidents. Most of the calls have been on the Route 9 side of town.

The 1979 Dodge Brush truck and UTV was serviced in the spring and is still in excellent shape and will serve the town for a number of years to come.

I would like to thank Keene Fire Department and other area towns for their assistance for the year.

And the yearly reminder: All outside fires required a fire permit when there is not complete snow cover and this includes all outside fireplaces, including the metal ones which you can purchase. Please call myself or Deputy Tim Mason, Deputy Buddy Mattson and Deputy Gary LeFreniere for permits and notice of all outside fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen LaPlante
Chief

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

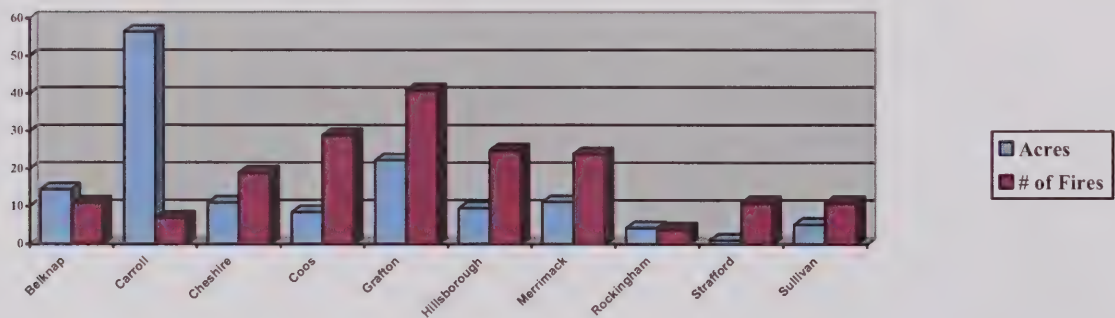
This past fire season started in late March with the first reported fire on March 26th 2013. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, started very dry with little measurable precipitation until the middle of the month. Approximately 70% of our reportable fires occurred during the months of April and May. The largest fire was 51 acres on April 29th. 81% of our fires occurred on class 3 or 4 fire danger days. By mid May, extensive rains began which provided us with a very wet summer overall. We had a longer fall fire season due to drier than normal conditions following leaf fall. Fortunately most of these fires were small and quickly extinguished. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2013 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2013 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2013)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	14.5	11
Carroll	56.5	7
Cheshire	11	19
Coos	8.5	29
Grafton	22.3	41
Hillsborough	9.5	25
Merrimack	11.2	24
Rockingham	4.3	4
Strafford	1	11
Sullivan	5.2	11



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	Total
Arson	1
Debris	69
Campfire	12
Children	1
Smoking	10
Railroad	0
Equipment	4
Lightning	0
Misc.*	85 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total	Fires	Total Acres
2013	182	144
2012	318	206
2011	125	42
2010	360	145
2009	334	173

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

ROXBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

TOWN REPORT FOR 2013

Chief Gary LaFreniere retired from the Roxbury Police Department on December 31, 2013. I want to thank Gary for his years of outstanding service to the Roxbury Community and establishing a well-equipped department with very qualified officers. As of January 01, 2014, I was sworn in as the new police chief and I look forward to working with the citizens of Roxbury and providing exemplary law enforcement coverage to this community.

Sergeant Peter Thomas resigned from the police department effective at the end of December 2013. I thank Peter for his service to the town and providing his expertise to the department, especially in the area of prosecution.

Normal patrol shifts were covered as needed with emphasis on Friday and Saturday night coverage. The Otter Brook Dam patrols were covered with money provided through the Army Corp of Engineer. These patrols have an officer patrolling Babbage Dam, Otter Brook Dam, Woodward Pond Dam and class six roads.

To keep within budget patrol shifts were assigned to a time frame with the most activity. This typically being weekends with the Chief being on call during the week. Extra patrols were also assigned to the Granite Gorge Ski area during the winter season. Automotive and civil complaints continue to rise. It is important to report any crime or suspicious activity without delay. The police department operates on a part-time basis so, it is hard to know if a problem exists if it's not reported.

The Roxbury Officers work different shifts, which allows more coverage to handle calls both night and day. To contact an officer **call 911 for emergencies or 355-2000 for non-emergencies**. By calling these numbers you will be connected to the dispatch center. The dispatcher can then raise an officer by cell phone or through the police radio. If a Roxbury Officer is unavailable for an emergency call the New Hampshire State Police (Troop C) will be dispatched to handle the emergency.

ROXBURY POLICE PERSONELL:

Chief Robert J. O'Connor: serving since 1995
Corporal John Mousseau: serving since 2010
Officer Scott McLaughlin: serving since 2013
Officer Adrian Rouleau: serving since 2010

SAFETY REQUEST:

It is imperative that houses are properly marked with their street address. This is crucial for emergency personnel when responding to an emergency for police, fire and ambulance related calls.

PATROL ACTIVITY

Accidents: 2
Arrests: 4
Calls for Service: 66
Citations: 2
Incidents: 17
Ambulance: 6
State Police Assist: 6

2012 BUDGET:

Appropriated: \$17,000 and Otter Brook Dam \$5,081.70 = \$22,081.70
Spent: \$18,925.20
Budget Surplus: \$3,156.50

OB LAKE Coverage Article : \$5,081.70

2013 BUDGET REQUEST: \$17,000.00

I would like to thank the citizens of Roxbury for their continuing support of the Police Department. The Department is in excellent standing and is in compliance with the rules and regulations of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council. I would also like to thank the surrounding towns and State Police for providing mutual aid coverage when needed.

PISTOL PERMITS and GUN LOCKS

Pistol permit applications (new and renewal) may be picked up at the Roxbury Police Department by appointment by contacting the Chief or on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost of the permit is \$10.00 for four years. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached through Cheshire County Dispatch at 355-2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Robert J. O'Connor

2013 ROXBURY REPORT

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Roxbury Zoning Board of Adjustment has met a three times in the last 12 months. Two of the hearings were regarding personal properties and one was regarding a business. Applications were submitted in regard to a garage on one property and demolition and rebuilding a home on another property. Nye Hill Farm applied to allow a nano brewery to be operated on the farm. Granite Gorge has not yet applied for a rehearing on the variance to allow entertainment at the Ski area.

Board members are Jessica Payton, Mark Funk, Tom Antrim, Nancy Johnson and Rob Delldonna. Meetings are held on an as needed basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Payton

2013 Planning Board Annual Report

At the beginning of the year, work continued on revising and updating maps and information for the town's Master Plan. In March the SWRPC (Southwest Regional Planning Commission) approved the proposed Town of Roxbury Master Plan. In October a printed draft of the plan was produced and approved by the Planning Board.

Throughout the year the Planning Board met with the Granite Gorge Ski Area to review a Revised Site Plan proposal. Topics taken up through the proposal were parking, traffic flow, pedestrian traffic, emergency access and bridge width to accommodate all. The Planning Board looks forward to working with Granite Gorge Ski Area to meet all requirements needed for a Site Plan approval. **As of the end of the year, the Planning Board had not heard back from Granite Gorge regarding their updated plans.**

Longtime Secretary Dick Gilcreast Jr. made the decision to leave his post on the Planning Board in order to relocate his residence away from Roxbury. His dedication, precise secretarial work along with his photography served Roxbury well for many years. Dick's community service reached other areas of the town including cemetery and historical preservation. Thank you Dick for your contributions that will have lasting effect for future generations!

In August the Planning Board held a Public Hearing to address the Site Plan Review for the proposed Nye Hill Farm Brewery located at 250 Middletown Rd. and owned by Mr. Anthony Kline. There was a good showing of town residence present to ask questions and concerns regarding the proposed operations. After productive dialog the town residence showed great support toward the proposed Nano Brewery. There was a motion made to accept the Site Plan with contingency upon approval of the septic system from the state of New Hampshire. **The septic system was approved by the State.** The motion was seconded and all were in favor of the Nye Hill Farm Brewery plan.

The planning Board started the process of updating the town Zoning Ordinances and working on a 6 Year Capital Improvement Plan. Near future capital improvements will be coming to the Town Hall in order to better accommodate emergency situations and handicap accessibility .

Towards the end of 2013 the Planning Board began collaborations with the SWRPC to address International Building Codes and how to best conform to them. The Planning Board also started the process of looking into the formation of a conservation committee to create conservation goals and look into the local wildlife/natural resource inventory.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bodwell, Chairman

Don Tardiff, Alternate

Josh Hicks, Vice-Chairman

David Shepardson, Alternate

Glenn Mallet, Secretary

Chip Drogue, Selectman Representative

Peter Stuhlsatz

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

2013

Cemetery Report



(Photo by Dick Gilcreast)

We would like to welcome our newest member of the Trustee of Trust Funds, Joy Richards. Joy replaces Robin Buffum whose term had expired.

Our report required for Common Trust Funds Investments has been completed and mailed.

TD Bank funds held in CD's for Kingbury, Davis, Nye, Clark, J&E Davis and C&A Elveth funds have a total of \$1023.66.

Committee members:

Ginny Shepardson

Lynn Bueckner

Joy Richards

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Shepardson

2013 Capital Reserve and Trust Funds

	Holder	Fund	Opening Balance	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Closing Balance	TDBank Held	NH PDIP Held
Capital Reserve Funds									
	TD Bank	Revaluation	15,943.19		23.31	2,285.94	13,680.56	13,680.56	
	NH PDIP	Revaluation	65.11				65.11		65.11
	TD Bank	Fire ATV	5,022.60	1,000.00	7.52		6,030.12	6,030.12	
	NH PDIP	Fire ATV	7.33				7.33		7.33
	TD Bank	Roads	34,337.60	25,000.00	52.57	6,960.38	52,429.79	52,429.79	
	NH PDIP	Roads	10,246.59		3.65		10,250.24		10,250.24
	TD Bank	Police Cruiser	10,045.28	2,000.00	14.48	5,500.00	6,559.76	6,559.76	
	TD Bank	Tax Maps	3,124.71		4.64		3,129.35	3,129.35	
	TD Bank	Building Improvements	19.12	7,000.00	0.68	500.00	6,519.80	6,519.80	
	TD Bank	Legal Expenses for Edu	5,000.46	5,000.00	7.68	2,481.06	7,527.08	7,527.08	
		Subtotal	83,811.99	40,000.00	114.53	17,727.38	106,199.14		
Trust Funds									
	NH PDIP	Cemetery Trust	1,868.52				1,868.52		1,868.52
	NH PDIP	Pyne Cemetery	13,109.83		4.84		13,114.67		13,114.67
	NH PDIP	Kaufer Town Hall Trust	5,090.23		1.50		5,091.73		5,091.73
		Subtotal	20,068.58		6.34		20,074.92	95,876.46	30,397.60

Minutes of the 2013 **ANNUAL ROXBURY TOWN MEETING**

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Mark Funk at 4:30 p.m. Selectmen Louis Droque and Gerald Davis were present.

The polls were declared open at 4:30 p.m. and closed at 8:30 p.m. Of the 172 registered voters, 95 cast ballots. The minutes of the 2012 Town Meeting were approved.

Article 1: To choose all necessary **Town Officers** for the ensuing year:

Selectman for three-year term: 91 votes cast. Karen Cota elected unanimously.

Town Clerk: 93 votes cast. Robin Buffum elected unanimously.

Tax Collector: 92 votes cast. Robin Buffum elected unanimously.

Treasurer: 88 votes cast. David Jewett elected unanimously.

Sexton: 92 votes cast. Kenneth Buffum elected unanimously.

Fire Chief: 90 votes cast. Allen LaPlante elected unanimously.

Auditor: 90 votes cast. Alice Funk elected unanimously.

Trustee of Trust Funds: 87 votes cast. Joy Richards elected unanimously.

Planning Board: 79 votes cast. Peter Stuhlsatz elected unanimously.

Planning Board: 88 votes cast. Glenn Mallet elected unanimously.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 84 votes cast. Nancy Johnson elected unanimously.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 86 votes cast. Robert DellDonna elected unanimously.

Article 2:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$56,900** for
General Government. **Motion carried**

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000** for
salaries and expenses of the **Police Department.** **Motion carried**

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 5,082** for the purpose
of compensating the Roxbury **Police Department** for summer patrols at Otter Brook
Park. These funds for expenditure are designated to the town through the US Army Corps
of Engineers. The appropriation does not affect the Town's tax rate, but to be properly
expended, a vote is required. **Motion carried**

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for the
salaries and expenses of the **Fire Department.** **Motion carried**

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,407** for our shared
cost of the Fire Mutual Aid System. This cost in previous years was included in the
County budget. **Motion carried**

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 225** to be taken from
the **unreserved fund balance for Emergency Management Expenses.** This amount was
donated to the Town for this specific purpose. This appropriation does not affect the tax
rate, but to be properly expended, a vote is required. *Recommended by Selectmen.*
Motion carried

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,839** as its fair
share of stand-by costs for the use of the **City of Keene's ambulance service.**
Motion carried

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$51,357** for
Summer and Winter road maintenance. **Discussion to increase \$10,000.**
Motion made to amend by \$10,000 **Amendment carried**
Motion carried as amended

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,643** for
highway construction and reconstruction. Selectmen's comment: Some of
these funds for expenditure may be designated to the Town through the

Highway Block Grant Fund.

Motion carried

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,200** to be paid for **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Center privileges** in the Town of Marlborough.

Motion carried

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200** for reimbursing residents who participate in the City of Keene's **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.**

Motion carried

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200** for the purpose of **Pest Control.**

Motion carried

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for **Town Welfare and emergency assistance to the Town Poor.**

Motion carried

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,850** to support **Southwestern Community Services, Home Health Care and Community Services, The Community Kitchen INC., Meals on Wheels, Monadnock Family Mental Health Services, Red Cross and Samaritans.**

Motion carried

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **borrow money** in anticipation of taxes and will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,700** for **interest expense.**

Motion carried

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** for reimbursing residents who participate to access the **City of Keene's Public Library.**

Motion carried

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** for general maintenance at the **Roxbury Four Corners Park.**

Motion carried

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be added to the **Capital Reserve Fund for Legal Expenses for Education.**

Recommended by Selectmen
change the formula passes.

Discussion as to why continue if school vote to

Motion carried as written

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** to be

added to the **Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for the **Town Police Vehicles**. *Recommended by Selectmen* **Discussion about the condition of the current vehicles and how much is in the account to date. Motion carried as written**

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be added to the **Road Capital Reserve Fund** previously established.

Recommended by Selectmen

Motion carried

Discussion about the City of Keene's legal liability to our roads in case of a major water main break.

Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** to be added to the **Town Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund**. **Motion carried**

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 23:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** to be added to the **Capital Reserve Fund** for replacement of the **Fire Dept. Rescue Vehicle**

Recommended by Selectmen

Motion carried

Article 24:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,886** to purchase two portable generators for the Roxbury Town Hall and Fire Garage. This appropriation to be offset by the acceptance of the EMPG grant from NH Dept. of Safety, Homeland Security and does not affect the tax rate, but to be properly expended, a vote is required.

Motion carried

Article 25:

To transact any other business which may come before the said meeting.

No new business

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Residents again enjoyed a potluck supper before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Robin Buffum

Roxbury
Expanded Owner Index Sorted by Owner Name

Owner	Map	Lot	Sub	Location	Use	Acres	Cards	Land	Buildings	Total
AMEND, GREGORY J.	000101	026000	000000	22 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	8.980	1	59,100	121,000	180,100
ANGELO, ROBERTSON, JEAN	000406	010000	000000	160 DILLINGHAM ROAD	IF RES	25.960	1	82,785 cu	194,700	277,485
ANGELO, ROBERTSON, JEAN	000406	010000	000000	DILLINGHAM ROAD	IF RES	14.830	1	41,795 cu	21,700	63,495
ANTRIM JR., THOMAS M.	000404	044000	000000	211 DAVIS ROAD E/S	IF RES	5.070	1	54,100	201,800	255,900
APPLE HILL CENTER	000402	011000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	UNNMG	25.130	1	1,193 cu	0	1,193
APPLE HILL CENTER	000402	012000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	UNNMG	19.860	1	942 cu	0	942
APPLE HILL CENTER	000402	012000	001000	APPLE HILL	UNNMG	2.000	1	95 cu	0	95
ARLEN, SCOTT & ROBIN ARNOW, ADAM	000103	014000	000000	172 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	4.060	1	49,100	139,900	189,000
BAKER, JOHN P	000402	013000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL RD.	IF RES	83.980	1	85,000	0	85,000
BALLOU, SALLY TRUST	000404	007000	000000	OFF DAVIS ROAD N/S	IF RES	30.380	1	1,442 cu	0	1,442
BARBARA NEYLAN 2011 REVC TRUST	000101	007000	000000	261 BRANCH ROAD E/S	IF RES	2.560	1	51,400	145,900	197,300
BARBARA NEYLAN 2011 REVC TRUST	000404	040000	000000	277 DAVIS ROAD	IF RES	9.320	1	52,957 cu	255,100	308,057
BARBARA NEYLAN 2011 REVC TRUST	000404	041000	000000	DAVIS ROAD E/S	UNNMG	18.270	1	867 cu	0	867
BARDWELL, JOSEPH J	000403	001000	000000	OFF DAVIS ROAD	IF RES	59.650	1	2,831 cu	0	2,831
BEAUCHEMIN, ROLAND	000405	010000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD N/S	UNNMG	5.050	1	331 cu	0	331
BEAUCHEMIN, ROLAND	000405	011000	000000	144 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	19.980	1	48,040 cu	302,200	350,240
BEAUREGARD, JOHN P.	000406	007000	000000	DILLINGHAM HILL RD	UNNMG	21.870	1	1,038 cu	0	1,038
BEDAW, KATHERINE A.	000101	010000	000000	282 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.800	1	55,400	116,200	171,600
BENNETT, CHRISTA D.	000402	002000	000000	OLD ROAD TO NELSON	UNNMG	11.530	1	547 cu	0	547
BENNETT, CHRISTA D.	000402	004000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	UNNMG	151.590	1	7,196 cu	0	7,196
BENNETT, CHRISTA D.	000402	014000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	UNNMG	39.090	1	1,855 cu	0	1,855
BERGERON, EMILE W.	000403	003000	000000	BASSETT HILL	UNNMG	2.120	1	101 cu	0	101
BERGERON, EMILE W.	000403	005000	000000	BASSETT HILL	IF RES	19.220	1	912 cu	0	912
BETEAU JR, LEON	000401	010000	000000	45 HOUGHTON LEDGE ROA	IF RES	11.250	1	44,586 cu	142,300	186,886
BETEAU, SHIRLEY	000401	003000	000000	65 HOUGHTON LEDGE ROA	COM/IN	77.150	1	148,754 cu	0	148,754
BLACK & MACKAY TRUST	000101	025000	000000	20 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	0.870	1	46,700	44,000	90,700
BLANCHARD, LEONARD	000102	015000	000000	198 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	7.590	1	67,100	46,800	113,900
BLANCHARD, NANCY	000102	014000	000000	194 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	1.220	1	49,400	25,900	75,300
BODWELL, AMY B TRUST	000406	004000	001000	323 HORSE HILL ROAD	IF RES	54.700	1	91,202 cu	0	91,202
BODWELL, AMY B TRUST	000406	008000	000000	144 DILLINGHAM HILL RD	UNNMG	137.890	1	6,546 cu	0	6,546
BODWELL, AMY B TRUST	000406	008000	001000	144 DILLINGHAM HILL RD	IF RES	17.600	1	143,564 cu	329,200	472,764
BOHANNON, RONNIE	000101	021000	000000	6 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	0.330	1	28,200	132,800	161,000
BRADBURY, KRISTOPHER E.	000402	006000	000000	276 OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	IF RES	15.020	1	42,871 cu	189,200	232,071
BROW, DANIEL R. & LAURA L.	000404	026000	000000	378 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	6.930	1	56,500	175,500	232,000
BUCKLEY, CARL G.	000103	011000	000000	BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	1.900	1	50,500	42,400	92,900
BUCKLEY, CARL G.	000103	012000	000000	150 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.790	1	40,700	122,900	163,600
BUCKNER, W. ANDREAS	000404	021000	000000	397 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	3.810	1	52,600	219,600	272,200
BUFFUM, KENNETH H	000404	035000	000000	562 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	2.110	1	50,700	122,500	173,200
BURROUGHS, RANDOLPH A.	000101	020000	000000	4 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	0.270	1	30,800	130,800	161,600
BUSHEY TRUST OF 1997	000103	003000	000000	143 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	13.020	1	59,800	218,700	278,500
BUSHEY, BERNARD P.	000103	007000	000000	BRANCH ROAD E/S	IF RES	1.030	1	24,500	0	24,500
BUTTS, ELIZABETH	000404	038000	000000	DAVIS ROAD S/S	UNNMG	53.820	1	2,554 cu	0	2,554
CASTAGNA, DONALD P	000101	023000	000000	10 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	0.170	1	24,700	112,800	137,500
CASTOR, ADAM S. & KELLY A.	000401	011000	000000	526 STATE ROUTE 9 N/S	IF RES	1.780	1	47,800	107,000	154,800
CAVOLO, PAUL M.	000101	013000	000000	BRANCH ROAD W/S	IF RES	0.220	1	11,700	0	11,700
CAVOLO, PAUL M.	000101	013000	000000	BRANCH ROAD E/S	IF RES	12.960	1	55,800	147,800	203,600
CERSOSIMO LUMBER COMPANY, INC.	000401	012000	000000	N/S ROUTE 9	IF RES	112.530	1	15,821 cu	0	15,821
COOKE FAMILY TRUST	000101	019000	000000	2 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	1.040	1	41,700	92,900	134,600
CORMIER, EDWARD J.	000102	017000	000000	206 BRANCH ROAD W/S	IF RES	0.480	1	39,200	128,000	167,200
COTA, KAREN	000402	005000	000000	270 APPLE HILL	IF RES	47.480	1	61,277 cu	229,500	290,777
CYR, CHARLENE M.	000405	015000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	130.320	1	6,186 cu	0	6,186
DANIELS, ARNOLD N.	000102	011000	000000	180 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.360	1	34,400	119,600	154,000
DANIELS, ARNOLD N.	000102	019000	000000	176 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.400	1	36,000	77,300	113,300
DAVIS, GERALD L.	000102	004000	000000	215 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	2.190	1	50,900	145,200	196,100
DAVIS, GERALD L.	000102	018000	000000	BRANCH ROAD W/S	IF RES	0.760	1	18,100	0	18,100
DAWES, DEXTER	000406	001000	000000	276 HORSE HILL ROAD	IF RES	1.840	1	95,300	101,700	197,000
DEANGELIS, EDSON R. &	000402	003000	000000	SULLIVAN T.L.	IF RES	50.960	1	2,419 cu	0	2,419

Report Based On All Records in Database.

Owner	Map	Lot	Sub	Location	Use	Acres	Cards	Land	Buildings	Total
DELLDONNA, ROBERT	000404	032000	000000	498 MIDDLETOWN ROAD N/S	IF RES	2.280	1	45,800	47,400	93,200
DEMOND, THERESA, M. ET AL	000101	018000	000000	289 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	1.530	1	50,000	131,800	181,800
DER MANOUELIAN, JO-ANN	000402	015000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	IF RES	37.960	1	54,600	0	54,600
DERMATIS, CHAD T.	000101	006000	000000	269 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.340	1	33,600	131,200	164,800
DONOHUE, RICHARD J.	000101	011000	000000	288 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.800	1	55,400	90,100	145,500
DROGUE, LOUIS	000402	010000	000000	376 OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	IF RES	20.040	1	49,587 cu	239,300	288,887
DURANT, WILLIAM V.	000101	017000	000000	297 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	1.060	1	49,100	124,700	173,800
ELLIS, EDWIN F.	000404	003000	000000	226 DAVIS ROAD	IF RES	33.440	1	85,300	125,800	211,100
ELLIS, EDWIN F.	000404	042000	000000	227 DAVIS ROAD E/S	IF RES	20.200	1	49,911 cu	108,200	158,111
ELLIS, EDWIN F.	000404	043000	000000	DAVIS ROAD E/S	UNNG	6.490	1	308 cu	0	308
ELLIS, EDWIN F.	000404	046000	000000	DAVIS ROAD	UNNG	13.970	1	663 cu	0	663
EVERY, BEVERLY A.	000404	018000	000000	379B GRIMES ROAD W/S	IF RES	14.220	1	29,228 cu	23,700	52,928
FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC.	00FAIR	000000	000000	TOWN WIDE	COM/IN	0.000	1	0	156,600	156,600
FANNIE MAE A/K/A	000406	002000	000000	282 HORSE HILL ROAD	IF RES	29.690	1	45,462 cu	284,300	329,762
FRED WHITE	000405	003000	000000	BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	65.170	1	129,300	0	129,300
FUNK, MARK M.	000404	024000	000000	350 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	146.610	1	60,596 cu	321,800	382,396
FUNK, MARK M. &	000404	023000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD S/S	UNNG	36.510	1	1,733 cu	0	1,733
GEDDES, PAUL	000403	016000	000000	WILLARD ROAD	MNGD H	29.210	1	654 cu	0	654
GHANEM, RAHJA K.	000401	008000	000000	65 HOUGHTON LEDGE ROA	IF RES	81.200	1	3,854 cu	0	3,854
GORDON, HELEN	000405	018000	000000	HORSE HILL ROAD	UNNG	0.370	1	18 cu	0	18
GORDON, HELEN	000405	020000	000000	HORSE HILL ROAD	IF RES	86.960	1	4,128 cu	0	4,128
GRANITE GORGE, LLC.	000401	017000	000000	341 ROUTE 9 S/S	COM/IN	54.800	2	106,010 cu	337,700	443,710
GRANITE GORGE, LLC.	000401	018000	000000	ROUTE 9 S/S	IF RES	44.100	1	77,783 cu	0	77,783
GRANITE GORGE, LLC.	000401	019000	000000	OFF ROUTE 9 S/S	IF RES	44.600	1	2,928 cu	0	2,928
HAYDEN, NANCY PELL	000406	020000	000000	HARDY HILL RD.	IF RES	93.650	1	12,176 cu	0	12,176
HAYDEN, NELSON P & GLORIA B	000406	021000	000000	74 PELL DRIVE	IF RES	53.290	2	150,988 cu	461,000	611,988
HICKS, JOSHUA	000102	012000	000000	184 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.560	1	41,100	91,900	133,000
HIGH-FOREST PARTNERS, LLC	000401	002000	000000	HOUGHTON LEDGE ROA	UNNG	11.650	1	553 cu	0	553
HOLLISTER, WILLIAM H.	000402	007000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	IF RES	8.540	1	560 cu	0	560
HOWE, DAVID E. TRUST	000406	018000	000000	HARDY HILL RD W/S	IF RES	1.480	1	33,700	0	33,700
HOWE, DAVID E. TRUST	000406	019000	000000	HARDY HILL RD W/S	IF RES	6.360	1	38,300	0	38,300
HOWE, DAVID E. TRUST	000406	024000	000000	HARDY HILL RD.	UNNG	65.000	1	3,085 cu	0	3,085
HOWE, DAVID E. TRUST	000406	024000	001000	HARRISVILLE T/L	IF RES	10.990	1	40,100	0	40,100
JAMES ROSENBERG, ANNE	000406	003000	000000	315 HORSE HILL ROAD E/S	IF RES	2.060	1	55,600	75,000	130,600
JENSEN, ERIC B.	000404	030000	000000	MIDDLETOWN PINNACLE	IF RES	158.550	1	16,786 cu	0	16,786
JENSEN, ERIC B.	000404	030000	000000B	114 PINNACLE TOWER ROAD	UNNG	0.000	1	0	354,800	354,800
JENSEN, SCOTT	000404	025000	000000	428 MIDDLETOWN ROAD N/S	IF RES	74.570	1	126,234 cu	254,600	380,834
JEWETT, DAVID P.	000406	006000	000000	277 HORSE HILL ROAD	2F RES	8.120	1	136,755 cu	337,800	474,555
JUCHATZ, WAYNE W.	000404	004000	000000	525 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	18.320	1	57,237 cu	452,400	509,637
KAHN, KATHLEEN W.	000102	013000	000000	DAVIS ROAD	IF RES	77.270	1	109,100	0	109,100
KEATING, KENNETH J.	000102	013000	000000	186 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.310	1	32,400	92,000	124,400
KEENE, CITY OF	000103	005000	000000	225 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	6.050	1	53,400	190,000	243,400
KEENE, CITY OF	000403	004000	000000	ROXBURY/KEENE TL	EXEMPT	0.900	1	1,200	0	1,200
KEENE, CITY OF	000403	006000	000000	BANKS HILL	EXEMPT	120.970	1	157,500	0	157,500
KEENE, CITY OF	000403	006000	000000	WOODWARD POND ROA	EXEMPT	29.730	1	73,500	0	73,500
KEENE, CITY OF	000403	007000	000000	WOODWARD POND ROA	EXEMPT	275.050	1	392,900	0	392,900
KEENE, CITY OF	000403	008000	000000	WOODWARD POND ROA	EXEMPT	138.400	1	278,800	0	278,800
KEENE, CITY OF	000403	024000	000000	WOODWARD POND ROA	EXEMPT	42.120	1	95,400	0	95,400
KEENE, CITY OF	000403	025000	000000	WOODWARD POND ROA	EXEMPT	172.760	1	238,600	0	238,600
KEENE, CITY OF	000403	026000	000000	OFF WOODWARD POND R	EXEMPT	187.930	1	195,100	0	195,100
KEENE, CITY OF	000403	027000	000000	WOODWARD POND ROA	EXEMPT	69.590	1	125,500	0	125,500
KEENE, CITY OF	000404	009000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	18.960	1	66,600	0	66,600
KEENE, CITY OF	000404	010000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	9.310	1	57,500	0	57,500
KEENE, CITY OF	000404	011000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	111.230	1	184,800	0	184,800
KEENE, CITY OF	000404	017000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	221.380	1	256,500	0	256,500
KEENE, CITY OF	000404	031000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	0.790	1	4,500	0	4,500
KEENE, CITY OF	000404	037000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	60.800	1	109,800	0	109,800
KEENE, CITY OF	000404	001000	001000	DAVIS ROAD	EXEMPT	2.560	1	27,100	0	27,100
KEENE, CITY OF	000405	009000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	15.500	1	66,700	0	66,700
KEENE, CITY OF	000405	016000	000000	DAKIN ROAD	EXEMPT	233.250	1	233,500	0	233,500

Owner	Map	Lot	Sub	Location	Use	Acre	Cards	Land	Buildings	Total
KEENE, CITY OF	000405	017000	000000	HORSE HILL ROAD	EXEMPT	119.450	1	151,700	0	151,700
KEENE, CITY OF	000405	022000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	472.800	1	539,900	20,400	560,300
KENNARD, DAVID F.	000403	009000	000000	WOODWARD POND RD.	IF RES	43.180	1	2,086 cu	0	2,086
KENNARD, DAVID F.	000403	023000	000000	WOODWARD POND RD.	IF RES	6.520	1	392 cu	0	392
KENNEY, KYLE J.	000103	012000	001000	146 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	1,500	1	57,500	71,600	129,100
KENT, DAVID L.	000403	011000	000000	WOODWARD POND RD.	IF RES	12.390	1	624 cu	0	624
KHATTAR, WASSIM	000401	009000	000000	65 HOUGHTON LEDGE ROA	2F RES	21,650	1	48,733 cu	165,200	213,933
KLINE FAMILY TRUST	000404	048000	000000	DAVIS ROAD	UNNNG	59.770	1	2,837 cu	0	2,837
KLINE FAMILY TRUST	000405	014000	000000	250 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	56.530	2	110,471 cu	378,100	488,571
KNIGHT, RICHARD	000405	021000	000000	DAKIN ROAD	MNGD O	11,200	1	170 cu	0	170
KRISTIANSEN, MARYANN	000401	004000	000000	80 HOUGHTON LEDGE ROA	2F RES	13.170	1	53,694 cu	286,800	340,494
LABRIE, BRUCE A	000406	015000	000000	143 DILLINGHAM ROAD	IF RES	3,000	2	41,900	136,800	178,700
LANDRY, CAROL	000406	025000	000000	HARRISVILL T/L	IF RES	32.600	1	1,547 cu	0	1,547
LAPLANTE, ALLEN J.	000405	019000	000000	334 HORSE HILL ROAD	IF RES	5.170	1	91,700	82,100	173,800
MALLET, GLENN J JR	000405	001000	000000	340 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	2,660	1	61,300	189,400	250,700
MAMIKONIAN, HELEN	000406	022000	000000	100 HARDY HILL ROAD	IF RES	9,460	1	104,300	186,700	291,000
MARTINEAU, ANDRE M.	000101	009000	000000	262 BRANCH ROAD	2F RES	3,710	2	83,600	143,000	226,600
MASON, HUGH D.	000403	015000	000000	WILLARD ROAD S/S	IF RES	88.050	1	4,179 cu	0	4,179
MATSON, TIMOTHY	000404	025000	000000	374 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	5,010	1	54,000	196,800	250,800
MATSON JR., ALEXANDER & NANCY	000101	029000	000000	OFF MIDDLETOWN ROAD N/S	IF RES	6,220	1	11,100	0	11,100
MATSON JR., ALEXANDER	000101	028000	000000	30 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	8,130	1	71,400	211,400	282,800
MCKEON, PEARL G.	000102	016000	000000	7 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	2,400	1	51,200	121,400	172,600
MCNEILL, JAMES R & JOYCE D	000102	005000	000000	202 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0,260	1	30,400	120,500	150,900
MCNEILL, JAMES R & JOYCE D	000102	006000	000000	BODWELL QUARRY ROA	IF RES	6,670	1	17,700	0	17,700
MICCHRIS REALTY LLC	000406	016000	000000	203 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	1,020	1	1,300	0	1,300
MOONEY, DAVID W.	000103	010000	000000	BRANCH ROAD E/S	IF RES	7,400	1	65,700	131,400	197,100
MOSHER, NICHOLAS A.	000405	002000	000000	DILLINGHAM ROAD	IF RES	2,570	1	32,300	0	32,300
NADEAU, FREDERIC M.	000101	008000	000000	130 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	2,580	1	56,400	216,000	272,400
NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY	000101	000PWR	000000	368 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	5,100	1	64,100	152,700	216,800
O'BRIEN, DENNIS & SANDRA	000401	006000	000000	245 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	5,790	1	49,200	130,800	180,000
O'BRIEN, DENNIS & SANDRA	000401	007000	000000	UTILITY	UTILIT	7,860	1	0	127,000	127,000
O'BRIEN, DENNIS & SANDRA	000401	006000	000000	ROUTE 9 N/S	IF RES	7,860	1	409 cu	0	409
O'BRIEN, DENNIS & SANDRA	000401	007000	000000	SULLIVAN T.L. S/E	UNNNG	29,000	1	1,101 cu	0	1,101
O'BRIEN, TIMOTHY W.	000404	022000	000000	SULLIVAN T.L.	UNNNG	2,860	1	136 cu	0	136
P.S.N.H. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	00PSNH	00ELEC	000000	377 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	18,140	1	55,095 cu	330,800	385,895
PAIGHT, WADE P. & GINA M.	000405	024000	000000	UTILITY	UTILIT	12,660	1	1,134 cu	431,900	431,900
PATENAIDE, GENE	000405	008000	000000	OFF OAK HILL ROAD	UNNNG	6,140	1	11,000	0	11,000
PAYTON, JESSICA S	000101	027000	000000	28 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	5,680	1	54,900	216,900	271,800
PELCZARSKI, BRITTNI LEE	000103	013000	000000	152-4 BRANCH ROAD E/S	2F RES	2,330	1	58,500	98,200	156,700
PELL, ALICE N	000406	017000	000000	OFF CHESHAM ROAD	IF RES	6,140	1	37,600	0	37,600
REED, HERBERT JR	000403	021000	000000	WILLARD ROAD	IF RES	52,930	1	72,300	0	72,300
REEKSTIN, RHETT & LYNN	000102	002000	000000	237 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	5,560	1	63,300	192,400	255,700
RINELLA, LAURIA C.	000102	008000	000000	189 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	1,070	1	49,100	151,100	200,200
ROBIDOUX, LAWRENCE	000103	008000	000000	BRANCH W/S	IF RES	1,870	1	47,700	0	47,700
ROBIDOUX, LAWRENCE	000103	009000	000000	122 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	1,530	1	47,500	130,200	177,700
ROUSMANIERE JR., JAMES A.	000405	012000	000000	180 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	27,520	1	47,284 cu	265,400	312,684
ROXBURY, TOWN OF	000101	005000	000000	3 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	1,380	1	49,800	116,800	166,600
ROXBURY, TOWN OF	000404	015000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	EXEMPT	0,020	1	0	0	0
ROXBURY, TOWN OF	000404	033000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD N/S	EXEMPT	1,160	1	500	0	500
ROXBURY, TOWN OF	000404	036000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD N/S	EXEMPT	1,350	1	42,200	0	42,200
ROXBURY, TOWN OF	000405	013000	000000	NYE HILL CEMETERY	EXEMPT	0,600	1	31,400	0	31,400
RUSSELL, GALE	000101	003000	000000	MIDDLE ROAD	IF RES	4,260	1	21,300	0	21,300
RUSSELL, GALE	000102	001000	000000	9 STONE DAM ROAD	IF RES	18,880	1	84,200	117,800	202,000
RUSSELL, GALE M.	000101	001000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	0,260	1	21,300	0	21,300
RUSSELL, GALE M.	000404	020000	000000	OFF MIDDLETOWN/GRIMES	IF RES	21,870	1	42,200	0	42,200
SABOLEVSKI, JOSEPH	000404	005000	000000	DAVIS ROAD N/S	IF RES	77,600	1	55,263 cu	30,800	86,063
SABOLEVSKI, JOSEPH	000404	039000	000000	325 DAVIS ROAD	IF RES	42,890	1	67,824 cu	132,300	200,124
SABOLEVSKI, JOSEPH B.	000404	006000	000000	392 DAVIS ROAD	IF RES	5,530	1	124,300	315,000	439,300
SCHULTZ, ERICA M	000101	014000	000000	OFF BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	9,380	1	445 cu	0	445

Owner	Map	Lot	Sub	Location	Use	Acres	Cards	Land	Buildings	Total
SCHULTZ, ERICA M	000101	015000	000000	OFF BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	6.820	1	323 cu	0	323
SCHULTZ, ERICA M	000101	030000	000000	OFF MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	5.660	1	268 cu	0	268
SCHWINDT, KAREN	000103	001000	000000	173 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.420	1	36,800	104,600	141,400
SEBERT JR., ROBERT F.	000404	027000	000000	402 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	19.520	1	53,984 cu	177,100	231,084
SEBERT JR., ROBERT F.	000404	028000	000000	MIDDLETOWN RD	MNGD H	2.750	1	89 cu	0	89
SHAW 3RD, CHARLES L.	000405	005000	000000	OFF MIDDLETOWN ROAD	UNMNG	6.700	1	318 cu	0	318
SHAW 3RD, CHARLES L.	000405	006000	000000	OFF MIDDLETOWN ROAD	UNMNG	6.820	1	323 cu	0	323
SHAW JR., CHARLES	000405	007000	000000	OFF MIDDLETOWN ROAD	UNMNG	5.920	1	281 cu	0	281
SHEPARDSON, DAVID	000404	008000	000000	500 DAVIS ROAD	IF RES	67.880	1	140,894 cu	188,600	329,494
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000401	013000	000000	OFF ROUTE 9 S/S	MNGD H	523.790	1	16,778 cu	0	16,778
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000401	015000	000000	OFF KINGSBURY ROAD	MNGD O	16.550	1	201 cu	0	201
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000401	016000	000000	OFF ROUTE 9 S/S	MNGD O	13.480	1	164 cu	0	164
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000402	001000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	MNGD P	111.040	1	3,791 cu	0	3,791
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000403	002000	000000	OLD NELSON ROAD	MNGD H	2.540	1	66 cu	0	66
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000403	013000	000000	WILLARD ROAD	MNGD H	18.910	1	489 cu	0	489
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000403	022000	000000	WILLARD ROAD	MNGD H	72.600	1	1,877 cu	0	1,877
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000406	009000	000000	DILLINGHAM ROAD	MNGD P	12.450	1	1,648 cu	0	1,648
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000406	013000	000000	DILLINGHAM ROAD	MNGD H	43.660	1	1,411 cu	0	1,411
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF	000406	014000	000000	DILLINGHAM ROAD	MNGD H	84.710	1	2,738 cu	0	2,738
SPALTHOFF, RONALD L.	000404	012000	000000	573 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	5.010	2	81,000	266,600	347,600
SPALTHOFF, RONALD L. &	000404	013000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD S/S	IF RES	128.510	1	6,100 cu	0	6,100
SPALTHOFF, RONALD L. &	000404	014000	000000	MIDDLETOWN ROAD	UNMNG	15.480	1	734 cu	0	734
STOCKWELL, FAMILY TRUST OF 2001	000404	019000	000000	405 GRIMES ROAD	IF RES	7.850	1	84,900	189,100	274,000
STUHLISATZ, PETER M.	000404	001000	000000	404 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	3.420	1	62,200	94,000	156,200
TARDIFF, DONALD	000402	008000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	UNMNG	35.730	1	4,382 cu	0	4,382
TAVES, HENRY V.	000404	045000	000000	195 DAVIS ROAD	IF RES	20.420	1	73,900	166,000	239,900
TAVES, HENRY V.	000403	017000	000000	DILLINGHAM/HARDY RD	IF RES	85.840	1	6,365 cu	0	6,365
TAVES, HENRY V.	000403	018000	000000	188 DILLINGHAM ROAD	IF RES	88.880	1	125,917 cu	271,400	397,317
TAVES, HENRY V.	000403	019000	000000	DILLINGHAM RD E/S	IF RES	24.460	1	1,161 cu	0	1,161
TAVES, HENRY V.	000403	020000	000000	WILLARD ROAD	MNGD O	4.230	1	51 cu	0	51
TAVES, HENRY V.	000406	023000	000000	HARDY HILL RD E/S	IF RES	76.420	1	3,627 cu	0	3,627
TD BANK NA	000406	004000	000000	299 HORSE HILL ROAD	3F RES	22.000	3	109,723 cu	387,300	497,023
TOWN OF ROXBURY	000405	023000	000000	MARLBOROUGH LINE	EXEMPT	3.650	1	3,600	0	3,600
TUCKER, DENISE M.	000404	034000	000000	550 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	1.790	2	75,500	495,000	570,500
U.S. CELLULAR	000401	003000	CEL TW	HOUGHTON LEDGE ROA	COM/IN	0.000	1	0	225,000	225,000
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT	000401	020000	000000	OFF ROUTE 9 S/S	EXEMPT	7.660	1	57,400	0	57,400
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT	000404	002000	000000	DAVIS W/S	EXEMPT	40.890	1	173,700	11,200	184,900
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT	000404	047000	000000	DAVIS ROAD E/S	EXEMPT	30.410	1	82,000	0	82,000
WALKER, JAMES C & ELIZABETH A	000103	002000	000000	169 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	0.820	1	45,800	92,800	138,600
WELLS JR., TRUST OF WELLINGTON	000403	010000	000000	WOODWARD POND RD.	IF RES	4.180	1	198 cu	0	198
WELLS JR., TRUST OF WELLINGTON	000403	012000	000000	WOODWARD POND RD.	IF RES	53.230	1	3,301 cu	0	3,301
WHIPPLE, RICHARD L. TRUST	000102	009000	000000	185 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	46.830	1	53,750 cu	252,800	306,550
WHIPPLE, RICHARD L. TRUST	000103	004000	000000	BRANCH ROAD E/S	IF RES	19.150	1	1,257 cu	0	1,257
WHITE, BENJAMIN A	000102	010000	000000	181 BRANCH ROAD	IF RES	1.060	1	49,100	51,800	100,900
WHITE, FRED	000101	002000	000000	37 MIDDLETOWN ROAD S/S	IF RES	0.270	1	29,300	26,100	55,400
WHITE, FRED	000101	016000	000000	BRANCH ROAD E/S	IF RES	0.490	1	13,900	0	13,900
WHITE, FRED	000101	022000	000000	8 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	2.840	1	49,200	126,300	175,500
WHITE, FRED	000405	004000	000000	OFF MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	7.570	1	12,800	0	12,800
WHITE, MARCY, A.	000101	024000	000000	14 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	IF RES	0.700	1	43,600	102,800	146,400
WILDER, JAMES J.	000402	009000	000000	OFF APPLE HILL ROAD	IF RES	4.460	1	4,100	0	4,100
WILLETTE, CHARLES	000401	014000	000000	475 ROUTE 9 S/S	IF RES	3.340	1	56,900	69,600	126,500
YARDLEY, STEVEN	000406	005000	000000	283 HORSE HILL ROAD	IF RES	4.310	1	122,900	216,600	339,500
Parcels: 229						7,588.190		11,237.477	18,247.400	29,484.877

Welcome To The
MARLBOROUGH RECYCLING/TRANSFER CENTER
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Marlborough, NH 03455
(603)876-4795

HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>3:00 PM to 7:00 PM</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>8:00 AM to 1:00 PM</i>
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➔ This facility serves the two towns of Marlborough and Roxbury.

➔ Recycling is mandatory; no recyclables should be found in your trash deposits.

➔ An I.D. sticker is required (*at no cost*) to use the facility. I.D. stickers are available at this facility and the Town Clerk's Office.

➔ Clear (*see-through bags*) must be used for your trash only. These bags are for sale at this facility and at the Town Clerk's Office. \$2.50/Bundle or \$55/case

➔ There is no charge for depositing your trash and recyclables, but we do charge a fee for certain items (*see other side*).

➔ We DO NOT accept hazardous waste materials. However, in cooperation with the Keene RTC there are special Hazardous Waste Days each year (*see other side*).

Recycling Information

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<i>Plastic</i>	<i>(Middle Window)</i>	<i>We take only plastic bottles with numbers 1 and 2 on the bottom, such as milk, soda, detergent bottles, etc.</i> <i>We DO NOT take plastic bags, open-mouthed food containers; bakery containers.</i>
<i>Glass/Aluminum Cans</i>	<i>(Last Window)</i>	

The Roxbury Report

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School Tax Update

BY JIM ROUSMANIERE, JR

A year ago voters in the Monadnock Regional School District voted overwhelmingly to revise the formula under which taxpayers in the multi-town district are billed for school costs. At the time, many people expected that the formula change would mean, among other things, that Roxbury's school tax bills would shrink measurably because the old formula had hit Roxbury (the district's smallest town) harder than all other communities in the school district.

But those expectations didn't materialize. The local school portion of Roxbury residents' next property tax bills ultimately declined -- but only by a comparative smidgen.

The surprise was due to a couple of factors, neither of which had to do with the actual tax formula. For one, the town of Sullivan exited the school district sooner than had been expected, meaning that most of the roughly \$1.3 million in annual local school

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The New Nye Hill Farm

A labor of love



The new barn at Nye Hill Farm

PHOTO: ALICE FUNK

BY ALICE FUNK

Anthony Kline, long-term resident of a Boston suburb, always wanted to have a farm. A couple of years ago, when he turned 49 he said to his wife, Deb, who shared his dream, "It's now or never!" Their goal was to find a farm by the time he turned 50, and they missed that by only 5 or 6 days. Chris and Marie Kaufer

put the Nye Hill Farm on the market with mixed feelings. They loved this piece of land on Middletown Road and the house that they had lovingly and painstakingly restored during more than a dozen years. They were very involved in the Town's affairs, Marie being a supervisor of the checklist and Chris becoming a selectman. But the time had come in their lives to move closer to their children and grandchildren. They wanted to find owners who would love and

care for their property as much as they had. When one owns property as old as this, there is a sense that one is a caretaker in a long chain of stewards. The feeling is that all previous dwellers of the house are watching and hoping that the tradition of love for the land will be carried on.

Nye Hill Farm was established by Nathan Nye in 1790. By 1850 Nathan's son, Gardner Nye, had built the farm up to include a herd of "milch cows, work-

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The Roxbury Connection

Roxbury Tree Named National Champion

BY HENRY V. TAVES

The largest Carolina silverbell tree in America grows in Roxbury! Not common in New England, the silverbell's best feature is its white bell-shaped flowers in the Spring. The latest edition of the Register of Big Trees, published by the conservation organization American Forests, lists the silverbell tree at Westover Farm on Dillingham Road as the reigning national champion. The previous champion, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, evidently died. Determining the "biggest" tree depends on the height (in feet), circumference at breast height (in inches), and spread of the branches (in feet). The three numbers are added together to produce the tree's "points". The Roxbury tree is 68 feet high, 129 inches circumference, and spreads 66 feet. The runner up, in Rochester,



A branch of a Carolina silverbell tree.

New York, is taller at 104 feet, but with a smaller circumference of 96 inches and spread of 36 feet. Roxbury comes out 5 points ahead. The previous champion had been 116 feet tall, 152 inches circumference, and spread 43 feet. The silverbell, *Halesia carolina*, is a southern tree mostly found in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Alabama. However, it

can grow in colder climates and was planted as an ornamental tree in many other states. The Roxbury tree was planted by either Thomas Dillingham or Fred Dearborn.

Each state has a Big Tree program. The UNH Cooperative Extension office manages New Hampshire's. If you know of an especially large tree on your property or elsewhere, you can check the list and see if it might be worth nominating. If so, you can contact the Big Tree coordinator.

Find the state program on the Web at: extension.unh.edu/Trees/NH-Big-Tree-Program. The national list is at americanforests.org/our-programs/bigtree.

The silverbell joins seven other national champions that reside in New Hampshire: sweet birch, gray birch, American mountain-ash, pitch pine, eastern white pine, black spruce, and staghorn sumac. ♦

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ROXBURY TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

POTLUCK SUPPER STARTS AT 5 PM

VOTING STARTS AT 6 PM

TOWN MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM

Notes from the Selectmen

Here's a brief summary of what's happening as of February, 2014:

- The Roxbury Selectmen would like to thank Dick and Betsy Gilcreast for their wonderful gift to our town this year. They donated back to the Town the original steeple from the Roxbury Church. It was salvaged many years ago when the church was demolished and has been sitting on the Gilcreast property serving as a utility shed. It is now temporarily sitting in front of the upper cemetery until we decide on a permanent location for it. We would also like to thank the volunteers who helped organize and participated in the moving of the steeple.
- The Selectmen's office has accomplished a few interesting projects this year, and we are currently working on a few new projects. The archiving of our historical records has been accomplished. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the project. We also accomplished the organization, inventory and storage of our many maps that have been rolled up to the ceiling for years. Our town maps now occupy a 15-drawer map file.
- The Selectmen attended a meeting

with the Department of Transportation regarding work to be done on Route 9 between Granite Gorge and the Sullivan General Store. The two major changes to this stretch of road are the replacement of the failing stone retaining wall just past the Gorge and a new bridge near the Sullivan General Store. Several options are still on the table and can be viewed at our office any Monday night. Some of this work may start in 2014. Those of us who live on the north end of town will be experiencing some delays in travel.

- It has come to the Selectmen's attention that a 60-acre wooded parcel of land in Roxbury may be for sale. This is a back lot with no usable road frontage. The Selectmen are looking into possibly purchasing this land as a town forest to help preserve the rural character of our town.
- The Selectmen were visited by Henry Underwood, who is an intern at the Southwest Region Planning Commission, who is working on the NH broadband Mapping and Planning Program. The program's purpose is to improve broadband access and use in the state by as-

sessing broadband availability. We reviewed the maps that were sent with Henry, and he accepted our information regarding where broadband was available in our town. If you would like to help with the program, then go to the website -- <http://www.swrpc.org/broadband/> -- and do a speed test. Apparently, the more people who participate in the program, the better the feedback will be which increases the success of obtaining more broadband for ours and other towns.

- We have begun the first steps to construct a shed roof over our road sand area and the existing salt shed. Some money was appropriated and put in a capital reserve account for this project at town meeting. Most of the materials for this project may be donated from several local residents and actual construction could be also done by volunteers to save on costs. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact the Selectman.

Your Selectmen:

*Chip Drogue
Karen Cota
Gerry Davis*

Don't miss the

POTLUCK SUPPER

immediately before the Town Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 at 5 p.m.

Bring a plate, utensils and a dish to share.



The brewery in early days



A greenhouse



Vegetables growing last summer

Photos by
Alice Funk

Nye Hill Farm

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ing oxen and other cattle and swine." In that year the farm produced 20 bushels of wheat, 50 bushels of Indian Corn, 40 bushels of barley and 300 bushels of "Irish Potatoes." Additionally, 200 apple trees yielded 100 bushels of apples, and 40 tons of hay were harvested. Today Deb and Anthony Kline are committed to revitalizing Nye Hill Farm as a diversified, ecologically viable, economically sustainable farm.

The Klines hired a farm manager who is extremely knowledgeable in the field of organic, sustainable farming as well as being a master carpenter. Other staff include a full time intern from the WWOOF program (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms, which is an organization that assists those who would like to work as volunteers on organic farms internationally), a Roxbury resident with animal husbandry, construction and farming skills, and other contractors. Together with family members they have coordinated

the planting of a multitude of fruit trees and berry bushes, constructed many large beds for vegetable growing, enriched the soil, established seven bee hives for pollination and honey, erected a large seasonal greenhouse and cold frames with a washing shed currently underway behind them, established inoculated logs for mushroom cultivation and designed irrigation for all of the areas. One of the Klines' sons, who is trained in stone masonry, rebuilt existing stone walls and new walls and steps.

As there was no existing barn when the Klines bought the property, work was begun on a large post and beam structure, made primarily with logs cut from four acres of the property and milled locally, that would house animals for manure production, which is critical to sustainable agriculture. Currently they have small flocks of Shetland sheep and egg laying chickens as well as four American Guinea Hogs. These are out grazing between the vegetable and fruit areas during the growing season. In addition,

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tion the barn will house a pottery studio where Deb will use her skills, a brewery for beer, hard cider and wine production, and an open "community gathering" area. There is a spiral staircase leading up to a cupola complete with benches for resting quietly and taking in the beautiful view.

The brewery is poised to take off soon. Roxbury's Zoning Board and Planning Board have approved the use, design and potential impact to our community. The Klines have a New Hampshire State license to operate a nano-brewery, which limits production and sales amounts. Here's how the farm's business plan puts it: "We intend to market our produce and product locally. Those markets will include local restaurants, the Monadnock Food Co-op, the Keene Farmer's Market, and New Hampshire's Farm to School program. We also anticipate establishing and running a farm stand at the farm. Specific to our beer, excepting the Farm



to School Program, the target markets are the same, with the addition of retail outlets such as Brewtopia in Keene. We do anticipate on-premise sales of beer. In compliance with the nano-brewery license restrictions, those sales will be "on-premise for off-premise consumption". Already the Farm sells vegetable produce to Luca's, "21", and Fireworks restaurants in Keene. Anthony intends to cultivate fields of barley and rye along with the hops now being grown to create a beer

entirely from the Nye Hill Farm. Anthony says that this farm and community are "beyond what he had hoped". There is a deep understanding in this area of the worth of locally raised food and protection of open space for wildlife and agriculture. He says that when a community values locally grown food it encourages others to put farmland back into production. In turn this develops local food security. "As a diversified, natural, sustainable farm, we are committed to providing the healthiest, highest quality produce while honoring our respect for the land we

steward. We believe those are mutually beneficial commitments. We aspire to the principles and practices of holistic care. We believe that good farms are spiritual places and that good farmers are honorable men and women whose hard work and sense of community personify agriculture and set it apart from agribusiness." Meanwhile, both Anthony and Deb are having the time of their lives bringing this farm back into production. Anthony says, "It's just a hoot!". ♦



A Possible New Life for Remnant of God's Barn??

An artifact from the 19th century Roxbury Meetinghouse, a structure that during its years of use was known lovingly as "God's Barn," may find a new life in town. The Selectmen have been mulling the idea of planting the steeple of that former structure, which for more than a century stood at the upper end of Middletown Road, on top of current town hall at the lower end of the road. The structure was built in 1849, replacing the original meetinghouse that had been built in 1804; it was the construction of that first meetinghouse that led to Roxbury's incorporation in 1812. The Congregational Society used the building as a place of worship through the 1930s, after which it began to fall into disrepair. It was the last building standing in Roxbury Center village until vandals all but finished it off in the late 1950s. Roxbury voters then decided to dismantle it. At the time of the demolition, then Selectman Bill Yardley took note of the fact that the steeple remained intact, and he asked his neighbor, Seaver Gilcreast Sr., whether he



A rendition of the proposed change

had any interest in it. That's how the last remaining part of the old building was saved and put to new use – as a summer playhouse for children. Recalls Seaver ("Dick") Gilcreast Jr., "We put in windows and painted it. It's still in good shape." A month or so ago, a team of volunteers moved the steeple from the Gilcreast property to a holding space near the upper cemetery; the shift occurred as the Gilcreast property was being prepared for sale.

Recently, the Selectmen have been getting bids for the project, which will be discussed during the town meeting. In order to put the steeple on top of the Town Hall, it would require some structural changes to the building. Some of those changes would entail adding some additional space across the front of the building for support, which would give us two rooms that we already need: a handicapped-accessible bathroom on the main floor – and a storage room for tables and chairs. It would also give us a full cellar for future expansion. This will be discussed during the Town Meeting on Tuesday.

Man with a Camera:

Seaver 'Dick' Gilcreast, Jr.



Dick and Betsy Gilcreast

BY JIM ROUSMANIERE

Of all the people who had a hand in Roxbury's delightful Bicentennial celebration in 2012, one more than any other assured that those looking back on the event – whether today or a century from now -- will know what it all looked like. Seaver (Dick) Gilcreast Jr., camera always at the ready, photographed the Branch Road parade and the subsequent festivities under the tent on August 18, 2012, and he assembled a photographic record of the associated archive and artifacts display in town hall; on the following day he took pictures of guided tours of local granite quarries; later, he recorded the installation of the Bicentennial time capsule, and, months before the celebration, he was the principal photographer for the town's Bicentennial book.

The quality of what Dick figures to be more than 300 Bicentennial-related images confirms that he didn't just pick up a camera last year. Indeed, the chronicler of our Bicentennial has a long history behind the lens, in addition to some other interests, such as building race cars and airplanes, that, consistent with Dick's generally reserved demeanor, tend to surface as almost incidental asides in an interview.

Dick also has a long personal history with the town, through family ownership of the early 19th century center-chimney Charles Holman house on Horse Hill Road,

and also through service on Roxbury's planning board : He served two long stints beginning in 1976, and he helped draft the town's first master plan in 1982. Along the way, he developed a feel for local history; he's written about the town's past for this publication, and he penned a sketch of Roxbury's history for the Bicentennial book.

Dick and his wife Betsy recently moved to Peterborough, prompting the Roxbury Report to offer its own sketch of Dick, now 80, who will always be a part of our town.

The family first arrived in town a century ago when Dick's great aunt and uncle, who lived in New Jersey, acquired the Holman property for summer use. Dick's parents took ownership in 1958, in retirement, and Dick moved to the property in 1972 after he left teaching in Massachusetts.

His interest in cameras preceded the move. When at Williams College, he started doing freelance photography. On his graduation in 1956, he served for two years as a photographic assistant to the Blue Angels, the Navy's flight demonstration squadron, in Pensacola, Fla., where he took airborne shots of F11F-1 Tigers and F9F-8 Cougars screaming across the skies.

Visiting home in Southborough, Mass. following his military service, he was asked if he'd like to fill in as a teacher at the Fay School, a private grade school in town. The position had appeal. He'd majored in the sciences at Williams, and

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wound up starting a science department at the school. The association lasted: "I filled in for 13 years," he recalled.

He left teaching essentially to get back to photography. "I decided I wanted to get back to cameras before I got too old," he said.

He freelanced, and in fact continued shooting photos for the school until two years ago, and he also took on a wide range of other projects, including national bicentennial work for U.S. News & World Report in 1976, and also Yankee Magazine. He photographed air shows in Manchester and Portsmouth, and worked on regional subjects that included aerial photography – a specialty that led him to take

flying lessons as a precaution in the event his pilot ever became incapacitated ("I can land a plane if I have to.") He also started a line of photographic cards that are locally available.

Running alongside his camera work – in fact, even preceding that interest – was an impulse to build things. As a 12 year-old he built an 8-foot sailing pram that he took out on Silver Lake, and he once harbored the idea of studying marine architecture at MIT. He ultimately found an outlet in building race cars that competed on Sports Car Club of America tracks in the Northeast. The vehicles, which could hit speeds upwards of 180 miles per hour, won a couple of top awards. He also took his design and assembly interests to aeronautics, specifically

building from scratch a replica of the Gee-Bee R1, a plane that in 1932 set the world land-plane speed record of just under 300 miles per hour. The original won a world championship with Jimmy Doolittle, the aviation pioneer, at the controls. Dick, along with a team of four other older fellows (they called themselves "the geriatric builders"), spent nine years on the project; the plane is on view today at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Ct. There's no current building project in the works – Dick devotes his creative time principally to photography – but that's not to say the impulse isn't there. During an interview, he was asked whether there was anything else he would build if he had the chance. He replied, "Well, you name it." ♦

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taxes that that town had been paying now had to be shouldered by the six remaining members of the district (in addition to Roxbury, those towns are Fitzwilliam, Troy, Swanzey, Richmond and Gilsum.) There are fixed costs associated with schools – the costs of maintaining buildings, for example – that don't fall when enrollment drops a little, hence some of what Sullivan had been paying to the district became the remaining towns' responsibility. Additionally, state aid to the Monadnock School District declined (something that happened across the state), meaning that local taxpayers had to make up the difference.

Still, the formula change did lead to modestly lower school tax bills for Roxbury taxpayers. But the drop wasn't close to what town officials had hoped back in March, 2013. Expectations had been that the town's overall tax rate would fall by \$2 per \$1,000 assessed valuation; the final drop was half that size.

Here are some numbers: Roxbury property taxpayers previously paid a total tax rate of \$22.85 per \$1,000 assessed valuation of their homes and land; of that sum, the largest component (\$15.62) represented local school taxes, in addition to \$2.60 in state school taxes. When our property tax bills came out late in 2013, taxpayers saw that the local school tax rate dropped to \$14.93 per \$1,000 assessed valuation; meanwhile, the state school tax went up 14 cents, to \$2.74; the overall tax rate wound up at \$21.85.

In 2013 Roxbury paid about \$520,000 in local school

taxes. Were Sullivan still part of the school district, the tax formula change would have dropped Roxbury's overall local school tax bill to about \$430,000. Instead, with Sullivan out of the game entirely, Roxbury's school tax payment dropped only to just about \$500,000.

For the record, here are the old and new tax formulas: OLD FORMULA: Each town's local school taxes were based 75 percent on how many students the town sent to Monadnock District schools and 25 percent on the total assessed valuation of properties in the town. Under that formula, Roxbury paid \$19,494 per student in the district; on the other end of the scale, Troy paid \$4,788 per student. NEW FORMULA: Each town's local school taxes are based 50 percent on how many students the town sends to Monadnock District schools and 50 percent on the total assessed valuation of properties in the town. (Roxbury still wound up with the highest per-student costs in the district, but not by nearly the dimensions of the old system)

Still, there is some comfort in all this. Referring to the change in the district tax formula that was voted through last March, town Treasurer David Jewett said, "If we hadn't done what we did, our taxes would have gone up."

It should be noted that the legality of the 2013 tax formula change is being challenged in court, principally by the town of Troy. Roxbury, among other towns in the district, has argued in court filings that the formula change was perfectly legal. The suit is being handled in Cheshire County Superior Court, and the progress is being followed by The Keene Sentinel. ♦

Briefs of interest

A New Police Chief for Roxbury



Robert O'Connor, a broadly experienced police man, has settled into the position of Roxbury Police Chief, succeeding Gary La Freniere, who stepped down Dec. 31 after twelve years on the job.

Chief O'Connor, 44, is a Connecticut native who moved to the region in 1995. He has 20 years of policing behind him with various local perspectives. He's been in state liquor law enforcement, and is currently a member the Swanzey Police Department. Until his appointment in Roxbury, he also served as a part-time sergeant in the Nelson police force. It was while working in liquor law enforcement that he got to know Chief La Freniere, and when he heard of the latter's plan to step down, he expressed an interest in the job.

He lives in next door Keene, and so he brings some understanding of Roxbury to the job. "It's a great community. I look forward to staying on a long time," he says.

Wildlife Survey?

We recently bought a tract of land and wondered what critters call it home. When I looked at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Nongame and Endangered Wildlife website (go to: www.wildlife.state.nh.us and click on 'wildlife') to check maps of wildlife found in Roxbury, I found that our town is not well represented. We have a pretty extensive list of wildlife we have found on our current

property (this includes mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, fish and birds) and are interested in building a list for the new property. I decided to see if there was interest in creating a database of wildlife for our town. If you have a birding list or list of other wildlife that you've kept and would like to have the information added to a Roxbury wildlife database please send it to me and we'll compile the information and put it on the website and send it to Fish & Game. We could get an informal group of interested people together to help create the list and look at wildlife and other conservation efforts in the town. If you are interested in joining such a group let me know. Send your information to me at: ab-bodwell@hughes.net

— Amy Bodwell

Broadband for Roxbury?

As most people in rural areas know, access to the Internet isn't uniform. Internet users who live or work in cities can download large amounts of digital information such as movies with ease, whereas users who live on country roads – including parts of Roxbury – sometimes have to wait hours to receive certain kinds of information, if they can receive it at all. This discrepancy in communications technology is behind an effort to improve Internet connectivity in rural places. During the last several months representatives of a big state-wide campaign to improve the situation have been talking with our selectmen, principally to get a grip on where Internet speeds are high and where they are low in town.

An intern with the Southwest Region Planning Commission has been working to build a map of Internet connectivity in Roxbury that will help inform what's called the New Hampshire Broadband Mapping and Planning Program at the University of New Hampshire. The idea is that this will lead to improvements.

Henry Underwood, the Planning Commission intern, explained: "Just about

everybody (in Roxbury) gets Internet service. It's a question of what quality of service."

Individual residents can help build the data base by sharing information about the quality of their Internet service through a short speed test at the following address: <http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/speed-test>.

Internet users can also fill out a survey: <http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/broadbandsurvey>

Four Corners Park Update

Anyone who passed by the Four Corners Park during the warm weather surely noticed how well-maintained that community landmark has been. The shrubs were healthy, and the lawn was green and mowed. "I'm happy with the way it's holding up," said selectman Chip Drogue. The park at the corner of Middletown and Branch Roads is the product of a substantial community effort that was sparked by Betty Walker following the death of her mother Madeline Robinson in 2004; more than once had her mother mentioned that the patch of land, for years scrubby and dry, did not present Roxbury's best face to passersby.

A committee of energetic citizens responded to Betty's mention of her mother's thoughts, and in 2007 they put muscle, money and design sensitivities to work in transforming the park to what it is today – a showcase of Roxbury granite, and a green welcome to all who come upon the spot. At the Town Meeting last March, voters approved spending \$500 annually keep the park maintained. TruGreen, a Nashua-based lawn care service company, handled the fertilizing, and Justin Frazier of Troy took care of the mowing. There's a family tie in the latter arrangement in that Justin is the son and stepson of Roxbury's Robin and Ken Buffum. Roxbury town treasurer David Jewett, commenting on the park's maintenance, said, "We get a good return for not very much money."

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2014 Roxbury, NH – Valuation Update

For tax year 2014, all property values will be updated to market value as of April 1, 2014. With the real estate market declining over the past few years, most of you will see your property values decrease. However, because values decrease, this DOES NOT mean that your taxes will decrease.

Taxes are based on the combined budgets for the Town, school and county. The tax rate is determined by taking those budgets divided by the overall value of the Town to arrive at a tax rate to “pay the bills”. With values decreasing, the tax rate will likely increase to offset the overall loss in value.

As part of the update process, you will receive in the mail a notice of new value, which will include a phone number that you can call to arrange to meet with an Avitar representative to discuss your assessment. Instructions will also be provided to access the on-line database and review the information about your property and every other property in Roxbury, including the sale properties that were used to help establish the new values. We strongly encourage you to review your data online to be sure you are being assessed reflective of the accurate attributes for your home. If the physical data is incorrectly shown, it could lead to an erroneous assessment.

Sincerely,

Louis Drogue, Selectman

Karen Cota, Selectman

Gerry Davis, Selectman

Frequently Asked Questions
Regarding the Assessment Process

It seems the Assessor is at my house every year. Why is that?

The Town of Roxbury has contracted with Avitar Associates to complete a measure and list project over a 4 year time span and update values to market value in the fifth year (2014). In the four year period (2010-2013) you should only see an Avitar representative once as the Town is divided into sections and certain sections are visited each year, however, if you have recently pulled a permit or your home is flagged for ongoing construction, you will see the Assessor annually around the April 1st date. We are working diligently to minimize the visits to properties as we don't want to unnecessarily bother you any more than you want to see the Assessor. We apologize if our visits are obtrusive. We merely want to ensure the data is accurate so that ALL taxpayers are assessed fairly and equitably.

The Assessor came to my house this year for data verification and my value changed why is that?

The only reason for an assessment change in a non-update year is the data listed on your record card was inaccurate. You may have made no changes to your property over the years, but the data could still be in error. While this is unfortunate, errors do happen as we are all human. A human collects the data then a human has to enter it into a computer. Mistakes can happen. We work diligently by checking field work and entry to ensure this is minimal, but it can still happen. The Town sends a copy of the old record and the new record after the changes so you can review. If you disagree with a change noted on your record or you notice a discrepancy in the data you are urged to call the Assessor's office to discuss.

Why is my assessment different than the refinance appraisal I just received?

Since the recent lending crisis banks are instructing appraisers that is acceptable to rely upon distressed sales such as foreclosures, bank sales, short sales etc. as a basis of comparison when valuing property. However, we as Assessors must rely on only arm's length, non-distressed sales when arriving at assessments for a community. As such, it is likely you will see a difference between the two value opinions. Also, time is a big factor. Property is assessed in NH as of April 1st and Towns are only obligated to bring assessments to market value once every five years. The State of NH Department of Revenue annually compares assessments to recent sales to determine at what percentage of market value assessments in each Town are at. The indicated median ratio can be applied to current assessments to determine what the indicated market value of a property is. For example, if a home is assessed at \$250,000 and the median ratio in the Town is 112% then the indicated market value of that property is \$223,200 rounded (\$250,000 divided by 1.12). That is the number you would want to compare to a recent appraisal or comparable sales to determine if your assessment is a reasonable value conclusion. Industry standards dictate that 2 market value opinions that are within 10% of one another would be deemed complementary. Using the above-example if your appraisal offered a value opinion of \$215,000 it would complement the equalized assessment (\$223,200) and is within the 10% reasonable range (\$200,900 to \$245,500). It would appear the assessment as arrived at is fair.

Last time the Town updated values the Assessors just did a drive by assessment. Don't they need to look inside my home to properly assess it?

Remember, your home is being viewed as part of the 4 year cycled measure and list process. If Avitar was unable to view the interior on the first visit to your property they would have left a door tag notifying you of their visit and then later sent a letter asking you to call and arrange an appointment for an interior inspection. If they did not gain access at that time to the interior it would be estimated. As such, it is crucial to the process to

ensure the data on your record is accurate as incorrect data could lead to an inaccurate assessment for your property. The final phase of the update involves the Assessing Supervisor (with another Assessor) driving the entire Town and reviewing the data that was previously collected. They may sit in front of your home and/or drive up your driveway to get a better look. This is not a drive by assessment, but rather a double check to ensure the data entered accurately depicts what is on each lot.

What is market value and who determines my assessment?

Market value is determined by people (buyers and sellers) and their emotional likes and dislikes. It is not an exact science and certain factors that appeal to one buyer may not appeal to another buyer. The state of the economy has an overall affect real estate values. Arm's length (non-distressed) sales are analyzed by the Assessing Supervisor for the job and an assessment model is created based on those sales. The model is essentially a market-modified cost approach. Cost tables are calibrated based on the indications from local sales so that the model should accurately estimate values (assessments) as of April 1st in any given year the update is completed.

I received my preliminary notice of value. How do I know, as an average taxpayer, whether the assessment the Assessor arrived at is representative of market value.

As an average lay person, you likely wouldn't however the letter you receive provides you with information for access to the online database. Within that database are all of the sales that have occurred in the Town and there is a function (sales search) within that database that allows you to search for sales and to enter criteria (such as size, bedroom count etc.) to find sales that are similar to your property. No two homes are exactly alike, so you have to give consideration to the differences that exist between your home and the sale properties. If after reviewing this information you feel your assessment is too high (or too low) the letter provides a phone number to call on certain days/times to arrange for an appointment to discuss with the Assessor. The appointments are scheduled for a later date at a specific time. This is a meaningful process and helps the average lay person understand the assessing process a bit better and oftentimes potential disputes over value can be rectified.

I went to the informal hearing with the Assessor. I still think my property is over-valued. What can I do?

The informal hearing is merely that informal. The next step would be to wait until you receive your final notice of tax (usually your December tax bill) and then file an abatement with the Town (before March 1st). However, the obligation is the taxpayers to indicate in detail why they feel they are over-assessed. If you have an appraisal or sales comparisons this would be the time to present them. All of the information submitted will be reviewed and you will receive a written letter explaining why your abatement was granted or denied. If your abatement is denied and you still do not agree you have the right to file an appeal with the Board of Tax and Land Appeals in Concord or Superior Court, but not both. You have until September 1st to do so following July 1st or the date you were denied (if earlier than July 1st). The burden of proof lies with the taxpayer, so you must be prepared and have evidence to support your claim if you are to be successful in either venue. Claims that your taxes are too high or my value is too high without corroborating evidence are often unsuccessful.

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